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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: THE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 14-19 and 49-72 is respectfully acknowledged.

RE: THE NEW CLAIMS

New independent claim 73 has been added to recite another camera system having the features which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. In particular, according to the present invention as recited in new independent claim 73, a camera system is provided which comprises the allowable features of: a specifying section arranged in the camera body to specify a data address, which is selected in accordance with a predetermined method, to the accessory device; a transmitting section arranged in the accessory device to transmit identification data stored in the accessory device side identification data table to the camera body in accordance with the data address specified by the specifying section; and a judging section arranged in the camera body to judge whether a dedicated accessory device is mounted by, at least when the detection switch detects that the accessory device is mounted on

the camera body, comparing the identification data transmitted by the accessory device to identification data stored in the camera side identification data table and corresponding to the data address; wherein operation of the camera system is restricted when the judging section judges that the dedicated accessory is not mounted, relative to operation of the camera system when the judging section judges that the dedicated accessory is mounted.

New claim 74 has been added to recite the subject matter of claim 2 depending from new independent claim 73.

New claim 75 has been added to recite the subject matter of claims 3-5 depending from new independent claim 73.

And new claims 76 and 77 have been added depending from new independent claim 73 based on, for example, allowed claim 57 to recite the features of the present invention whereby camera body/accessory device is prohibited from operating when the judging section judges that the dedicated accessory is not mounted.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the new claims 73-77 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that new independent claim 73, and claims 74-77, all recite allowable subject matter and are all in condition for immediate allowance, along with allowed claims 14-19 and 49-72.

RE: THE OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE PATENTING REJECTION

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to commonly owned USP 6,738,574, which issued from application Serial No. 10/352,621, in order to obviate the (provisional) obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-13. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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